

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3219

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER.

**Banks.**  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.  
Authorised Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... \$300,000  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
Court of Directors—  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.  
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.  
Chief Managers—  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN  
LONDON—**

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,  
Palmer & Co.  
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Butter &  
Co.  
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam:  
Geo. Munro, Manager.

**BANKERS—**

The Alliance Bank (Limited).  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.  
Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.  
Shanghai—J. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.  
Amoy—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

**CURRENT ACCOUNTS** opened. Money received on Deposit, Drafts issued, Bills purchased and collected. Advances made on Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
6 " " 4 "  
3 " " 3 "

**CURRENT ACCOUNTS** For Rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1892.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of August, current, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Account to 30th June, 1892. By Order of the Court of Directors.

F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1892.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 6th day of August to the 20th instant, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1892.

**NOTICES.**

**THREE IMPORTANT FACTS  
ABOUT THE  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE**

1.—HALF A MILLION STERLING annum is being paid in Death claims year by year.

2.—THE FUNDS IN HAND amount to upwards of Seven Millions pounds Sterling and have increased to per cent. in the last 15 years.

3.—THE LIVES who die are annually replaced by more than double the number of now carefully selected lives.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

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**THE SINGAPORE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

APPLICATIONS for the post of SECRETARY, which will be VACANT towards the end of the year, are invited. A thorough practical knowledge of FIRE and MARINE Business is necessary.

Singapore, 14th July, 1892.

**NOTICE.**

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY  
LIMITED.**

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES of GOODS &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary,  
No. 7, Queen's Road West,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

**GENERAL NOTICE.**

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY  
(LIMITED).**

CAPITAL, TALES 60,000; \$60,000.00

EQUAL TO ..... \$1,000,000.00

RESERVE FUND ..... \$1,000,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

LAI SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

LOU TAU SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1892.

**MASONIC.**

**PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF**

HONGKONG No. 1169, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at 5 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. precisely. Gentlemen are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1892.

**Amusements.**

**THEATRE ROYAL  
CITY HALL.**

**GRAND ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT.**

Under the most distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the Governor, H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, &c., &c.

**BILLY" WATERS, the COLUMBIAN CHAMPION MIDDLE-WEIGHT, WILL give EXHIBITION SPARS with Amateurs and Professionals, at the**

CITY HALL,

ON

SATURDAY, the 20th instant.

Further particulars at an early date.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1892.

**Intimations.**

**HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**

A GENERAL MEETING of the above ASSOCIATION will be held at the Chambers of the Hon. Secretary, 18, Bank Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at 4.15 P.M., to discuss, and, if approved, adopt the following Amendment to Rule 5—"Candidates elected after 20th June in any year shall only be liable for half subscription for that year."

ED. ROBINSON,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1892.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd August, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to end of August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1892.

**THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

A INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of THREE PER CENT. (One Dollar and Fifty Cents per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1892, will be Paid to those Persons who are registered as Shareholders in the above Company, on MONDAY, 1st August, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 15th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1892.

**THE SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**ALL HOLDERS OF TRANSFERS OF SHARES**—in the above Company are requested to send them in to the Undersigned together with the SCRIP therefor at ONCE, and notice is hereby given that no Shares will be TRANSFERRED nor TRANSFERS accepted after the 15th August next.

Dated the 25th July, 1892.

W. HUTTON POTTS,

Liquidator.

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**NOTICE:**

PUNJOM & SUNGHE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL PERSONS holding SCRIP in the above Company are requested to send them in at once for TRANSFER.

A Circular will be sent to each SHAREHOLDER, in reference to the re-construction of the Company.

A. O'D. GOULDIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1892.

**NOTICE.**

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony, Mr. T. COHEN, who holds my POWER OF ATTORNEY, will act as Editor and Manager of the Hongkong Telegraph.

R. FRASER-SMITH,

Editor and Proprietor.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1892.

**PROFESSIONAL NOTICE.**

I EXPECT to resume my Hongkong DENTAL PRACTICE early in September, further notices to come.

DENTON E. PETERSON, D.D.S.,

No. 1, Connaught House,

Queen's Road.

1st August, 1892.

**BOARD AND RESIDENCE.**

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and Table Accommodation.

Apply to

Mrs. MATHER,

2, Pedder's Hill,

Hongkong, 30th June, 1892.

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**PRIVATE BOARD, AND RESIDENCE,**

"GLENDALE BUILDINGS,"

(Nos. 12 and 14, Wyndham Street.)

Mrs. GILLANDERS has VACANCIES for RESIDENT BOARDERS and VISITORS.

Accommodation for TABLE BOARDERS.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1892.

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**WILLIAM WATERS**

**CHAMPION MIDDLE-WEIGHT**

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

**CHAMPION OF THE CHINA STATION**

200 lbs.

200 lbs.

will give LESSONS in the

ART OF SELF-DEFENCE

at their own houses or at his

Rooms, 115, Wan Chai Road.

FOR ONE MONTH ONLY.

For terms apply at this Office.

Hongkong, 2d August, 1892.

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## CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established "SELECT" Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUGH, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

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**KELLY & WALSH, LTD.**

N E W P R E N C H N O V E L L S.

M. Paléologue—L'Art Chinois.

Pierre Loti—Le Roman d'un Spahi.

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## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
CO., LIMITED.  
CHEMISTS, &c.

## INDIAN CIGARS.

**I**T is no long since, the only INDIAN CIGAR obtainable was the long rank saluted "TRICERI," but within the last few years the introduction of European capital and European business methods have been employed with most satisfactory results. Messrs SPENCER & Co.'s factory at Dindigul is a model of what a well appointed Cigar Factory should be, and their products are winning appreciation wherever introduced. We are appointed Agents and have received a first consignment of their most popular brands.

### "GOLD MOHURS."

These are manufactured entirely of picked Dindigul Leaf, and are of medium strength. Boxes of 100—\$1.75.

"TORPEDOS" AND "BEACONSFIELDS." are mild Cigars made of a mixture of Dindigul and Sumatra Leaf, and smoke with a Long White Ash, the flavor is like that of the best brands.

### VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HO'KGONG.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1892. [30]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
AERATED WATERS.

GINGERADE.  
GINGER ALE.  
LEMONADE.  
LEMON SQUASH.  
LITHIA WATER.  
PHOSPHORIC CHAMPAGNE.  
POTASH WATER.  
RASPBERRYADE.  
SARSAPARILLA.  
SELTZER WATER.  
SODA WATER.  
TONIC WATER.

**T**HE manufacture of these Waters the purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised throughout. The water is subjected to a perfect system of filtration, daily examinations, and periodically to searching chemical analyses; so that absolute purity and safety are guaranteed.

### FOR COAST PORTS.

Waters are packed and placed on board at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when returned is good order.

### SUMMER BEVERAGES.

FRUIT CORDIALS:—Raspberry, Straw-berry, Lime, Damson, Black Currant, Red Currant, Pine Apple, Orleans Plum, Morella Cherry and Gooseberry.

FRUIT SYRUPS:—Lemon, Lime Juice, Raspberry, Strawberry, &c.

Preserved from genuine fruit juices imported by ourselves, they contain the full flavour of the sound ripe fruit; mixed with plain or Aerated Water, they make delightful summer drinks.

Agents for  
MONTserrat LIME JUICE & CORDIAL.

### WINES AND SPIRITS.

PORTS, Sherrries, Jaretts, Burgundies, Hocks, Champagnes, Brandies, Whiskies, Gin, Rum and Liqueurs.

A large selection of choice old brands, full particulars and prices on application.

### TOBACCO, CIGARS AND CIGARETTES.

A complete stock of all the best and most popular brands.

VIN DE QUINQUINA.  
A medicinal wine AGREEABLE TO THE TASTE containing the valuable properties of Cinchona Bark combined with a choice brand of Red Wine.

Its antimalarial qualities tend to ward off attacks of Malaria fever and to all convalescents it acts as a quick restorative and appetizer.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
ESTABLISHED AD. 1841.  
Hongkong, 21st July, 1892.

BIRTH.  
At Kowloon, on the 11th inst., the wife of A. G. ROBBINS, of a son. [315]

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### THE PO LEUNG KUK.

The committee of the Po Leung Kuk, through their organ the *China Mail*, have announced their resignation. Why? No reason is stated; it is not a regular "retirement by rotation, offering themselves for re-election, under the rules;" it is not an adverse vote at a general election; or a hostile division in course of debate; it is, not, presumably, a voluntary confession of incapacity or anything worse; it is not safe to guess that they "retire by request," decorated with the "Noble Order of the Kick"—then what is it?

It is all on account of that nasty Commission. We can see it all plainly now, though until quite lately we had only an imperfect knowledge of the under-currents and the unseen creepy-crawly influences at work. In the deep, dark, mysterious haunts of the Po Leung Kuk. We had no information on the subject from the fountain-head; we cannot afford to keep Registrar-General on our staff writing gorgeous advertisements about himself, headed "This Way to Me." We do not assiduously scratch the backs of the Po Leung Kuk committee, nor obsequiously go out of our way every little while to curry favour with the Protector of (now) Chinese. For these reasons, therefore, we were not so much in the secrets of this terribly

benevolent society as was our contemporary; but all the same, we were able even then to utter a prediction, which was quite wrong in a matter of detail, but quite triumphantly right in actual fact, if the resignation of the Po Leung Kuk Committee means all that appears on the face of it.

Speaking with such limited sources of information, we have to infer a great deal; and those who are in a position to know all the facts may judge whether our inferences are of any value. First, from the Registrar-General's notice in the *China Mail* (exclusive information, paid for no doubt at the usual rate) we infer that the Po Leung Kuk Committee is very grievously dissatisfied about something. They are resigning a position which gives to its holders an immense influence, of a sort which only Chinese know how to use best—or worst. What, then, is their grievance? Careful examination leaves us only to advance two theories—that they shrink from their danger, resent and fear investigation by the Commission; or that they object to what Mr. Wodehouse has laid down as law. As to the first theory, it may be safely presumed that the Commission has been inquiring pretty closely into the working of the Society, and has probably even had members of the Committee before it; and that is so, their resignation would naturally follow; for they could never face the light of day. They have gone far beyond their nominal purposes, they have very shamefully abused the powers which have been illegally allowed them and which it is now sought to legally confirm; they have in many cases, for a long time, disregarded the purely benevolent and voluntary nature of their organisation. We give no names nor dates, as we have no Registrar-General at our elbow; but the members of the Commission must by this time know that the indictment is in a fair way of being proved; Mr. Wodehouse has declared that it is proved, out of the mouths of the Po Leung Kuk officers themselves. None can dispute his verdict; none can show any authority by which the Po Leung Kuk may justify the thousands of imprisonments it has made; none can show any precedent for not taking a person, arrested on suspicion, immediately to the police; none can produce a title of law or common sense in support of the Registrar-General's assumption of magisterial authority. If Mr. STEWART LOCKHART was a magistrate, he would have to make himself accessible at any time, Sunday, holiday, midnight or early morning. Yet he has arrogated to himself all the powers conferred by a criminal code, with a horde of nondescript runners of doubtful (and in some cases proven bad) character as his police force, with the cells of the Tung Wah hospital as his gaol, with the Inquisition conducted by the Committee as his Star Chamber—why not as his torture-chamber too? Who is to know how far he has gone in this course of self-constituted secret despotism? Who is to know how many thousands have been imprisoned by him who is to know for how long men may be kept in this "benevolent" Society's gaol? What record is there of the captives, their terms of confinement, the arbitrary conditions on which they have been released? Mr. Wodehouse proved the Po Leung Kuk officer a deliberate liar and perjurer, on his own statement; is it unfair to think the man was capable of other offences—of abuse of power, of extortion, of anything under the sun? He may be innocent enough; the whole body of Po Leung Kuk officers may be honorable and upright men, and their paths clean and straight; Mr. STEWART LOCKHART may be sufficiently clever to have pursued with an error a dangerous unknown course beset with an appalling array of possibilities for wrong. If all is well, the Commission will find it so; if not, the Commission ought at least to find out some of the wrongs. But however that may be, whether there has or has not been gross injustice, whether English law has or has not been foisted to the top of its bent—why did the Committee resign?

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ANOTHER lot of cows, numbering 11, was brought to Hongkong by the *Gulliver*, on behalf of Goldsbrough, Mort & Co. of Sydney. They were not a particularly brilliant lot to look at, but were certainly not inferior to the first mob imported from the same place.

SERGEANT Williamson's crusade against importunate chair-coaches still continues. He had another elegant crowd of them "up" this morning and had them fined \$1 each for causing an obstruction in the immediate vicinity of Pedder's Wharf. This is nearly as successful as the Sikt-boot clearing operation.

THE Honble T. Playford, an Australian statesman who has just been on tour in the gorgeous east, records the following opinion of Chinese predominance in the Straits Settlements.—

"Once let the Straits be settled in Chinese hands, and you will bring great disgrace to the white race and only a few Europeans being left—and they (the Chinese) will naturally want to get the Government of the country into their own hands, and the Chinese they will get it and count the Europeans here their dead-line position."

What price Hongkong?

SIXTEEN boarding-house crimps who "rushed" the steamer *Kowloon* yesterday, upon her arrival from Manila, had the misfortune to make Mr. Hastings' acquaintance at the Police Court this morning and had sent "alright" for two months owing to their inability to pay the exemplary fine of \$3 each, imposed with a view to putting a stop to what has all along been an intolerable nuisance to both Chinese passengers and to the officers of vessels frequenting this harbour.

A STALWART Chinese rough had to face the music in the Police Court this morning and explain how it was that he was arrested by Sergeant McLean as one of our mine workers of 15 or 16 years ago. As a fossilifer the luck of the harpy old Scot was never too attractive, but he plodded along from year to year, never too much and often in extreme straits. Bridge Creek and the Howley were his fancy spots, but they never repaid him for the great confidence he reposed in them. Dugald of late years acted as guide, philosopher, and friend to Chinese mine owners, and if we are not mistaken he was instrumental in securing for a Chinese party the gold claim known as the Cosmopolitan, at the Howley, from which some marvellous yields have recently been secured. It was at this place that he died peacefully at the beginning of the week in the presence of several old friends.

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WITH reference to the judicial scandal at Trinidad, says *Truth*, I have been asked the very important question: What remedy is open to all those who have suffered during the last five years from the aberrations of Justice Cook and his colleagues? This is truly a serious question. As one gentleman puts it to me, large numbers of citizens have suffered unjust imprisonment, large numbers—among them widows, orphans, and representatives of all classes of the community—have been wrongfully deprived of their rights and property by the acts of a drunken Judge. To see the Judges at whose hands they have suffered is for many of them an impossibility, even if these individuals were worth powder and shot. It is beyond my power to offer any solution of this question, but clearly, if justice were done, the greater number of these sufferers would be indemnified by Lord Knutsford, who persisted in keeping Mr. Cook on the Bench long after his attention had been called to the scandal.

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THE *Mercury* records the death of M. Berthelot, the Superintendent of the French Police Force, which took place at the French Police Station on the 8th inst., at 2 p.m. He had been suffering from asthma for some time, and that with the late hot weather was the cause of his death. He was comparatively a young man, being only fifty-five. He had been connected with the French Police over thirty-two years, and was highly respected by those under him, and he leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

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THE QUEEN'S ADDRESS ON THE OPENING OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

During the debate on the address Mr. Goschen said the Unionists would oppose Home Rule to the bitter end. [Cheat-sheets!]

Mr. Justin McCarthy demanded an assurance that Home Rule should occupy the first place in legislation, otherwise the Irish party would not support Mr. Gladstone.

I have loved your dear Queen very much for many years, but the love has not, as yet, led me to permit me to transplant this lovely flower from its parent bed to my humble friends, there to bloom, the idea of myself and my dear wife.

The day of moment arrived and the competitor was received with so much gusto that he scarcely knew whether he stood on his head or his heels. In giving voice to his "I am!" I low ask, sir, that you will permit me to transplant this lovely flower from its parent bed—when a low, loud guffaw from his lady-love's father, said brashly, "I'm not!" and "he's gone!"

His parent bed—into my own! The July parent fairly roared with laughter, and shouted from behind a cloud of tobacco smoke, "I have no objections, young man, provided you marry the gal first!" Which we did.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Zembla* left Bombay on the 10th inst., for this port.

THE Toyotama branch of the Japan Marine Products Society caught a whale of seventy feet in length, a short time ago, off Oakham Island, Izu province, which was towed into Toyotama harbour. It was, in every respect, the world's grandest.

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but of course there will be the usual grand dinner, and many officials and private friends will attend. The Club is just opposite the house of Mr. Jordan, who must be prepared to get the full benefit of many lively nights, jovial singing, songs, and crackling without limit.

The House of the Holy Mercy has disposed of almost all its lottery tickets for this month, and it is expected that on the eve of the drawing there will be a rush for tickets, which may be at a premium. The draw will be on the 10th, at 3 p.m., in the matched at Camoens Gardens, as before on the occasion of the *Hanam* trips.

In the last *Bulletin* it is announced that 220 *sanshi* or *lupan* licences have been issued by the Treasury, and the total sum to be collected during the year will be \$6,000.

The Battalion do Ultramar is disbanded, as I have told you; on Friday last a big reinforcement arrived just as it was still in existence as a Colonial army of defence. The Minister of State sent out the reinforcement to augment the force which he thought there was, on account of the late *Hanam* strikes. Under the impression that there was going to be a disturbance, he increased our garrison by—one lance sergeant, one corporal, one bugler, three privates, one old woman, one girl, and one infant, *in all 1010 souls!* We are pleased to have such a fine force sent to us, but we are afraid we shall have to spend a lot of money finding barrack accommodation for so many.

In October or November we may expect one of our war transports with the new garrison, to replace the Ultimatum. It is not yet known which is coming, the *India* or the *Africa*, though I see you have information that it is the former. Anyhow, it is to be hoped the new regiment will not arrive in the same state as did the present (now past) one, two years ago.

Last week, while a chain gang of six convicts were removing from San Domingo barracks a heavy lot of old archives, a staircase which was eaten away by white ants fell through as they were half way down, and let them fall with a crash into the bottom floor. They were all badly bruised including the warden, and all their clothing and skin was torn; nothing is known of any broken bones, but the men were all taken to the hospital in ambulances.

The Canton press, copying an official of the Viceroy, referred to the Portuguese as "savage or foreign barbarians," which, having been published in the City of Raou, came to the knowledge of Governor da Boja. He at once directed Consul Cinatti to demand an explanation, and satisfaction was obtained without much trouble, which is to the credit of both these gentlemen.

The heat here has been terrible this week, the thermometer registering 85° to go in the shade, and 10 to 125° in the sun—enough to bowl any man over after an hour's exposure. We have, however, a very steady S. W. monsoon blowing, especially in mornings and evenings, which is very welcome.

## AMOY.

(From a Correspondent)

Amoy, August 4th.

Our friendly community, I am sorry to say, has lost another member by grim death, the late Mr. J. C. Hansen, Secretary to the I. G. Consulate having departed this life on the 28th July, at the early age of twenty-eight years. He was only married last year, I believe, and besides a young widow, who is well known in Shanghai, he leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. The German corvette *Alexandrina*, Captain von Frantzen, arrived here yesterday from Swatow, after a prolonged stay at Hongkong, where she had been docked and had undergone some necessary repairs; the only other man-of-war port, besides the *Alexandrina*, is the Chinese gun-boat *Hoch-ko*, which arrived here on the 24th June, being a kind of stationary guard-ship here. I hear that times are very depressed in your Yangtze metropolis, and thought that perhaps one or the other of the model settlement citizens might be glad of taking a new departure in life, by entering the Consular service of a foreign treaty Power. You and your readers will readily understand what I am alluding to, by glancing at the following advertisement, which I have clipped from our daily Amoy *Advertiser*:

## ROYAL DANISH CONSULATE.

The above Consulate having become vacant through the resignation of Mr. Randall Howell Pye, candidate for the post of Royal Danish Consul at this port are invited to send their applications to H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Copenhagen, before the 1st September next.

Intending applicants hereby informed that they will have to submit to any alterations which may be made regarding the Consular tariff and also in regard to the Consular district.

FRANCIS LEBURN,  
Acting Consul.

Amoy, 1st August, 1892.

Copenhagen papers please copy" might have been appropriately added. Would it not be advisable to have the job put up for public auction, or make it the object of a lottery, or raffle?

If such a scandalous tender for the highest bidder, (or rather under-bidder, I presume) for a foreign consulate were hawked about so disgracefully in Japan, I am very confident that the Japanese Government would step in at once and withdraw the right of extraterritoriality from any nation advertising for a consul, in the same way that a night watchman might be advertised for; I suppose good testimonials from the last employer are required. The Japanese Government certainly took very sharp action, when the office of Portuguese Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General in Tokio became vacant, and the incumbent, Senhor Dom Loureiro, left an English clerk of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Yokohama in charge, as Vice-Counsel for Portugal in the Empire of Japan.

Just suppose such a Consul having the cheek to visit on board of men-of-war, in all the pomp and glory and finery of a cocked hat, sword, and the rest of Consular paraphernalia, and expecting a salute due to his rank, to be fired. In

Japan the Danish national is at least a trifle better off, than in China; the Dutch Minister in Tokio, Count Bylandt, being charged with the representation of the Danes; but in China, Hongkong included, all Danish Consular offices are held by private individuals, amateur consuls, as it were. The Chinese, who are keen observers, are making very many about this funny advertisement; my shrewd, who is a shrewd Cantonese, said me gravely, but at the same time with a jolly twinkle in his weather eye, it is no secret, "my man can secure." he said; "how much cumshaw can catch?" I will let you know in due course of time whose services may have been hired to do duty in this interesting Consulate, at present on the public market. Just fancy what kind of authority the future Consul will have to throw into the scale, if called upon to represent the interests of any one of his "nationals" before the Taotai, or in his own Consular "yamen," provided somebody about being in claim of some sort or other against this good-willed Consul himself! I need only remind you of Mr. John Melby's late Danish Consul in Hongkong, who executed the "vanishing act" so successfully, a few months ago regardless of the growing ones whom he left behind—. I hear several Portuguese clerks have applied already for the job, and one Mandarins therefore anybody "shrewd" will

wishing to become a full-fledged Consul, had better look sharp; telegraphic application advisable.—*Mercury*.

## TONKIN.

Sunday, the 31st July, M. Véto, constructor of the Lang-son and Phu-nan-thuong railway, and President of the Halphong Chamber of Commerce, who was carried off by brigands while at his work on the 2nd inst., was released, on payment of the ransom of \$25,000. The robbers were Chinese, under a notorious old freebooter called Lui-ky, all armed with "Winchesters" (probably of German or Belgian make) and strongly entrenched in the jungle-covered hills on the borders of China and Tonkin. Immediately after his capture, M. Véto was allowed to send a note to his friends, and the brigands' messenger who carried the letter was recognized as a former railway employé. During captivity M. Véto was treated as well as Chinese could treat a captive, but even that made him so ill that on his release the Halphong doctors instantly ordered him into close confinement.

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I hear that the small dry dock is in working order, and I believe most of the torpedo boats have been docked; but the large dock is, for practical purposes, as bad as *now est.* unless the sill is renewed, and carried back some twenty or thirty feet further towards the north, where it would rest on a much more solid foundation, leaving the dock still long enough for the largest ironclad of the Peking squadron; but of course this could not be done without a considerable sum of money being spent, which probably will not be forthcoming in a violent hurry.

A good story reaches me from that Celestial naval station *par excellence*. Taotai Liu who, as is well known, has but one eye, has nevertheless the reputation of seeing more with his one eye, than most of his class with their two, even if armed with the greatest pair of spectacles, procurable in the Chinese market; besides this peculiarity the remarkable Taotai is reported to be fond of the Haroun-al-Rashid trick of prodding about occasionally incognito, to see with his own eye "what is what." So little would appear that some time ago he went privately after sundown, without the customary Taotai *ta-ka-ya* boom-de-ay, on board one of his steam-launches, and ordered the larboard to take him on board the torpedo boats in harbour, with strict orders not to show a flag, blow a whistle, or make any signal whatever denoting the presence of the Taotai on board the launch, on pain of being instantly flogged into a jelly. Mr. Taotai took the *flilla* entirely by surprise, for he did not find a single officer on board any of them, most of the members of the crews also having made themselves scarce; several boats are said to have been left with only one person on board.

Advises from Pakhoi (query, Pakhoi) show that for sometime there has been an influx of Chinese, strangers to the country. Some come from Keban, where the Compagnie Charbonnages has coal mines; and others are the former followers of Lui-ky. Others, again, come from Kwang-sl, intending, it is said, to enter Tonkin under the banner of Lui-ky.

There is, it appears, feeling of uneasiness among the bandits of the frontier, on account of their sphere of operation being more and more confined. General Fong seems completely indifferent to the affairs of Tonkin, and is now at his estate at Yen-chau. (Thought he was dead a year ago.—Ed. *H. K. Telegraph*)

The coal mines about Ke-bau are in danger, in spite of the "friendly" of Doc-than, the chiefs and the 40 Chinese placed there by Admiral Fourrier, with the consent of M. Portal, engineer-in-chief at the works. It was thought that these Chinese would take to honest work, but these robbers need careful watching. It is stated at Pakhoi that numbers of them have arrived from Reban, and are planning an expedition (practical, of course) in Tonkin. Those who remain at Ke-bau are beyond doubt disaffected, and the Europeans at the mines will one of these days know all about it (says the *Avenir*) in spite of all the most peaceful assurances.

It was reported recently that an insurrection had broken out in Yenan. It is now known that the troubled region is Pou-erh-pu. The disturbance was caused by the advances of the English from the south-west. The movement is directed by the mandarins, relatives of those decapitated by order of the British Government after the murder of an English explorer named Marry twelve years ago. Those who remain at Ke-bau are beyond doubt disaffected, and the Europeans at the mines will one of these days know all about it (says the *Avenir*) in spite of all the most peaceful assurances.

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